



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### U. S. Census Bureau

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2022 Economic Census**

**AGENCY:** Census Bureau, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the proposed reinstatement, with change, of the Economic Census prior to the submission of the information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before **[Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to [Thomas.J.Smith@census.gov](mailto:Thomas.J.Smith@census.gov). Please reference 2022 Economic Census in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC-2021-0020, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential

Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Kimberly Moore, Chief, Economy-Wide Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau by phone (301) 763-7643, or by e-mail at [kimberly.p.moore@census.gov](mailto:kimberly.p.moore@census.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*I. Abstract*

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant, and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. The Economic Census, conducted under authority of Title 13 United States Code, is the U.S. Government's most comprehensive five-year measure of American business and the economy. It features the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy, comprised of the 50 states, offshore areas, and the District of Columbia (collectively referred to as Stateside) as well as Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, (collectively referred to as Island Areas) and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic Census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business, and the public.

The 2022 Economic Census, both Stateside and Island Areas, covering the Agriculture; Mining; Utilities; Construction; Manufacturing; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; Transportation and Warehousing; Information; Finance and Insurance; Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Management of Companies and Enterprises; Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services; Educational Services; Health Care and Social Assistance; Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation; Accommodation and Food Services; Other Services (except Public Administration) Sectors (as

defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)) will measure the economic activity of nearly 8 million employer establishments. The inclusion of the Agriculture sector is new for the 2022 Economic Census and will account for Agriculture Support Activities, NAICS Industry Groups 1151 and 1152 only. The information collected from establishments in these sectors of the economic census will produce basic statistics by industry for number of establishments, value of shipments/receipts/revenue/sales, payroll, and employment. It will also yield a variety of industry-specific statistics, including materials consumed, detailed supplies and fuels consumed, electric energy consumed, depreciable assets, selected purchased services, inventories, capital expenditures, value of shipments/receipts/revenue/sales by product line as defined by the North American Product Classification System (NAPCS), type of operation, size of establishments, and other industry-specific measures.

The scope of the Island Areas component of the Economic Census is roughly equivalent to that of the Stateside component and is the only source of economic data collected for the Island Areas. While the Island Areas component collects the same sector level data as the Stateside portion, the data published are at a less detailed NAICS level with some additional exclusions.

## *II. Method of Collection*

Establishments in the Economic Census will be selected from the Census Bureau's Business Register. The Census Bureau's Business Register provides a current and comprehensive database of U.S. business establishments and companies for statistical program use. To be eligible for selection, an establishment will be required to satisfy the following conditions: (i) it must be classified in one of the sectors listed above; (ii) it must be an active operating establishment of a multi-establishment firm (i.e., a firm that operates at more than one physical location), or it must be a single-establishment firm (i.e., a firm operating at only one physical location) with payroll; and (iii) it must be located in one of the 50 states, offshore areas, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or American Samoa. Initial contact with respondents will be a mailed letter directing them to report online. No form will be mailed except for establishments located in the Island Areas where single-establishment firms will be eligible to request a paper questionnaire. Establishments will respond using a response-driven electronic reporting instrument that includes skip patterns and will display survey paths specific to the establishment's primary business activity. The sampling procedure will distinguish the following groups of establishments for collection:

1. Establishments of Multi-Establishment Firms

Selection procedures will assign all active establishments of multi-establishment firms to the mail component of the universe, except for those in industries classified as consolidated reporters. In these selected industries, where activities are not easily attributable to individual locations or establishments, firms will be asked to report their basic data for several establishments at a nation-wide level on an electronic consolidated report path(s).

2. Single-Establishment Firms with Payroll

For the Stateside component, all single-establishment firms having 2022 payroll (from Federal administrative records) will be included in the sampling frame. We will use a NAICS-by-state stratified sample design for selecting a sample of single-establishment firms. The largest single-establishment firms (based on 2022 payroll) will be selected with certainty. Those single-establishment firms that are not selected with certainty are selected using a probability sample. Using a NAICS-by-state stratified sample should produce reliable estimates for various characteristics at detailed NAICS-by-state levels.

The remaining single-establishment firms with payroll that are not selected into the sample will be represented in the Economic Census by data from Federal administrative records, or by weighting the responses of the sampled establishments.

Additionally, some of these single-establishment firms not selected into the sample may be requested to respond to a short questionnaire to verify or confirm that the establishments are classified in the correct NAICS industry.

For the Island Areas component, all single-establishment firms with payroll will be included in the Economic Census.

### *III. Data*

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0998.

*Stateside Electronic Path ID(s):* The paths in the electronic instrument used to collect information are tailored to specific industries or groups of industries. The Electronic Path ID's are too numerous to list individually in this notice.

*Island Areas Questionnaire Number(s)/ Electronic Path ID(s):* The questionnaires and paths in the electronic instrument used to collect information in the Islands Areas are tailored to specific industries or groups of industries. Electronic instruments are available in English. Puerto Rico paper questionnaires are available in English as well as Spanish.

Questionnaire Number and Electronic Path ID	Island Area	TRADE
IA-92101	Puerto Rico	Utilities, Mining, Transportation, and Warehousing (English)
IA-92102	Puerto Rico	Utilities, Mining, Transportation, and Warehousing (Spanish, paper only)
IA-92103	Selected U.S. Territories	Utilities, Mining, Transportation, and Warehousing
IA-92104	American Samoa	Utilities, Mining, Transportation, and Warehousing
IA-92301	Puerto Rico	Construction (English)
IA-92302	Puerto Rico	Construction (Spanish, paper only)
IA-92303	Selected U.S. Territories	Construction
IA-92304	American Samoa	Construction
IA-93101	Puerto Rico	Manufacturing (English)
IA-93102	Puerto Rico	Manufacturing (Spanish, paper only)
IA-93103	Selected U.S. Territories	Manufacturing
IA-93104	American Samoa	Manufacturing
IA-94201	Puerto Rico	Wholesale Trade (English)
IA-94202	Puerto Rico	Wholesale Trade (Spanish, paper only)
IA-94203	Selected U.S. Territories	Wholesale Trade
IA-94204	American Samoa	Wholesale Trade
IA-94401	Puerto Rico	Retail Trade (English)
IA-94402	Puerto Rico	Retail Trade (Spanish, paper only)
IA-94403	Selected U.S. Territories	Retail Trade
IA-94404	American Samoa	Retail Trade
IA-95101	Puerto Rico	Services (English)
IA-95102	Puerto Rico	Services (Spanish, paper only)
IA-95103	Selected U.S. Territories	Services
IA-95104	American Samoa	Services
IA-95201	Puerto Rico	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (English)
IA-95202	Puerto Rico	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (Spanish, paper only)
IA-95203	Selected U.S. Territories	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental and Leasing
IA-95204	American Samoa	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental and Leasing
IA-97201	Puerto Rico	Accommodation and Food Services (English)
IA-97202	Puerto Rico	Accommodation and Food Services (Spanish, paper only)
IA-97203	Selected U.S. Territories	Accommodation and Food Services
IA-97204	American Samoa	Accommodation and Food Services

*Type of Review:* Regular submission, Request for a Reinstatement, with Change, of a Previously Approved Collection.

*Affected Public:* State or local governments, businesses, or other for profit or non-profit institutions or organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents, time per response and total annual burden:*

Table 1: Estimated 2022 Census Sample Sizes by Sector (Stateside)

Sector	Trade	Total Establishments	Estimated Number of Respondents	Multi Establishments	Single-Establishments						Estimated Time Per Response/ Hours Long Form	Estimated Time Per Response/ Hours Classification Form	Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours
					Universe	Selected			Not Selected				
				Long "Forms"			Total <sup>(2)</sup>	Classification <sup>(1)</sup> "Forms"					
				Certainty		Non Certainty			Total				
				Total									
11	Agriculture <sup>(3)</sup>	21,700	21,700	700	21,000	21,000	0	21,000	0	0	0.8	-	17,360
21	Mining	24,850	18,850	8,800	16,050	7,600	350	7,950	8,100	2,100	4.0	0.1	67,210
22	Utilities	20,600	20,600	15,500	5,100	5,100	0	5,100	0	0	1.6	-	32,960
23	Construction	742,000	241,000	21,500	720,500	67,000	81,500	148,500	572,000	71,000	2.3	0.1	398,100
31	Manufacturing	284,100	214,600	63,000	221,100	115,000	5,100	120,100	101,000	31,500	5.6	0.1	1,028,510
42	Wholesale Trade	392,000	392,000	138,000	254,000	254,000	0	254,000	0	0	1.6	-	627,200
44	Retail Trade	1,018,500	710,500	433,000	585,500	216,000	26,500	242,500	343,000	35,000	1.0	0.2	682,500
48	Transportation and Warehousing	255,000	173,500	62,500	192,500	83,000	13,000	96,000	96,500	15,000	1.7	0.2	272,450
51	Information	159,000	127,900	81,000	78,000	36,000	6,000	42,000	36,000	4,900	1.3	0.1	160,390
52	Finance and Insurance	484,500	360,400	253,000	231,500	87,500	11,000	98,500	133,000	8,900	1.6	0.2	564,180
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	435,000	198,000	110,000	325,000	42,000	24,000	66,000	259,000	22,000	1.2	0.2	215,600
54	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	930,000	439,000	126,000	804,000	187,000	64,000	251,000	553,000	62,000	1.2	0.1	458,600
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	69,200	69,200	65,000	4,200	4,200	0	4,200	0	0	1.5	-	103,800
56	Administrative and Support and Waste	424,000	205,000	83,500	340,500	71,000	34,500	105,500	235,000	16,000	1.1	0.1	209,500
61	Educational Services	81,700	36,600	8,900	72,800	15,500	6,800	22,300	50,500	5,400	0.9	0.1	28,620
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	923,500	517,000	289,000	634,500	157,000	32,500	189,500	445,000	38,500	1.1	0.1	530,200
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	149,500	85,700	18,000	131,500	50,000	11,500	61,500	70,000	6,200	1.1	0.1	88,070
72	Accommodation and Food Services	730,000	464,500	211,000	519,000	163,000	28,000	191,000	328,000	62,500	1.0	0.2	414,500
81	Other Services (except Public Admin.)	570,000	305,500	80,500	489,500	132,000	46,500	178,500	311,000	46,500	1.0	0.1	263,650
-	Unclassified	24,000	24,000	0	24,000	0	0	0	24,000	24,000	-	0.1	2,400
Totals		7,739,150	4,625,550	2,068,900	5,670,250	1,713,900	391,250	2,105,150	3,565,100	451,500			6,165,800

Notes: <sup>(1)</sup> Single-units not selected may receive a short questionnaire to verify classification. These counts are included in the "Not Selected" total.

<sup>(2)</sup> Federal administrative records

<sup>(3)</sup> Sector 11 includes only NAICS Industry Groups 1151 and 1152

Table 2: Estimated 2022 Census Sample Sizes by Area (Island Areas)

Area	Total Estabs	Multi Estabs	Single Estabs	Estimated Time Per Response/ Hours	Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours
Puerto Rico	47,300	9,300	38,000	1.0	47,300
Guam	3,550	850	2,700	1.0	3,550
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	1,800	300	1,500	1.0	1,800
U.S. Virgin Islands	2,450	450	2,000	1.0	2,450
American Samoa	540	90	450	1.0	540
Totals	55,640	10,990	44,650		55,640

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.* (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. Section 131.

#### IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is n

ecessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this

proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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